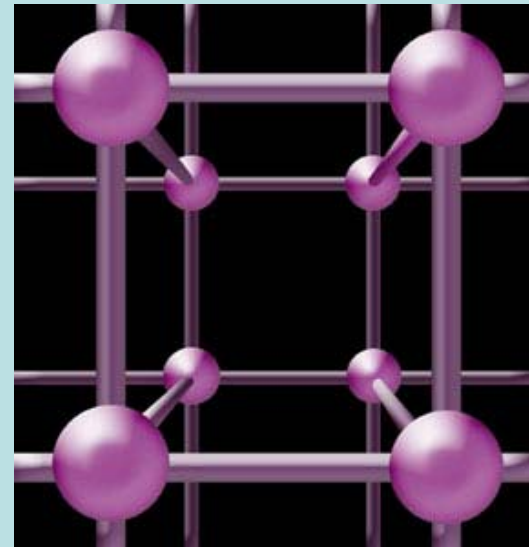


# TeV Physics and Conformality



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# Beyond QCD on the Lattice

## 1. Collaboration with George Fleming and Ethan Neil

1) arXiv:0712.0609, PRL 100, 171607, 2008

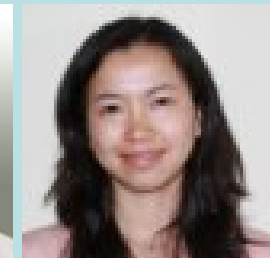
2) arXiv:0901.3766 PR D79, 076010, 2009



## 2. LSD collaboration J. C. Osborn, R. Babich, R. C. Brower, M. A. Clark, C. Rebbi, D. Schaich, M. Cheng, J. Kiskis, R. Soltz, P. M. Vranas, T. Appelquist, G. T. Fleming, E. T. Neil, M. Lin

1) arXiv:0910.2224 PRL 104, 071601 (2010)

2) arXiv: this week (David Schaich)



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# New Strong Dynamics at TeV Energies?

New, SM-singlet Sector  
Conformal behavior

Electroweak breaking

Near-conformal infrared behavior: walking technicolor, conformal technicolor (M. Luty et al)

Other possible uses of (near) conformal-symmetry

Flavor hierarchies (Nelson&Strassler), SUSY flavor problem

# Conformal Symmetry / Scale Invariance / Dilatation Symmetry

No fixed scales ( masses )

Might expect at high energies or temperatures

Examples ( $\hbar/2\pi = c = 1$ ) :

$$\sigma (e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{Hadrons}) \sim 1/ E_{\text{cm}}^2$$

$$F(T) \sim T^4$$

# Not Quite

Quantum field theories *typically* depend on a renormalization scale  $\Lambda$ .

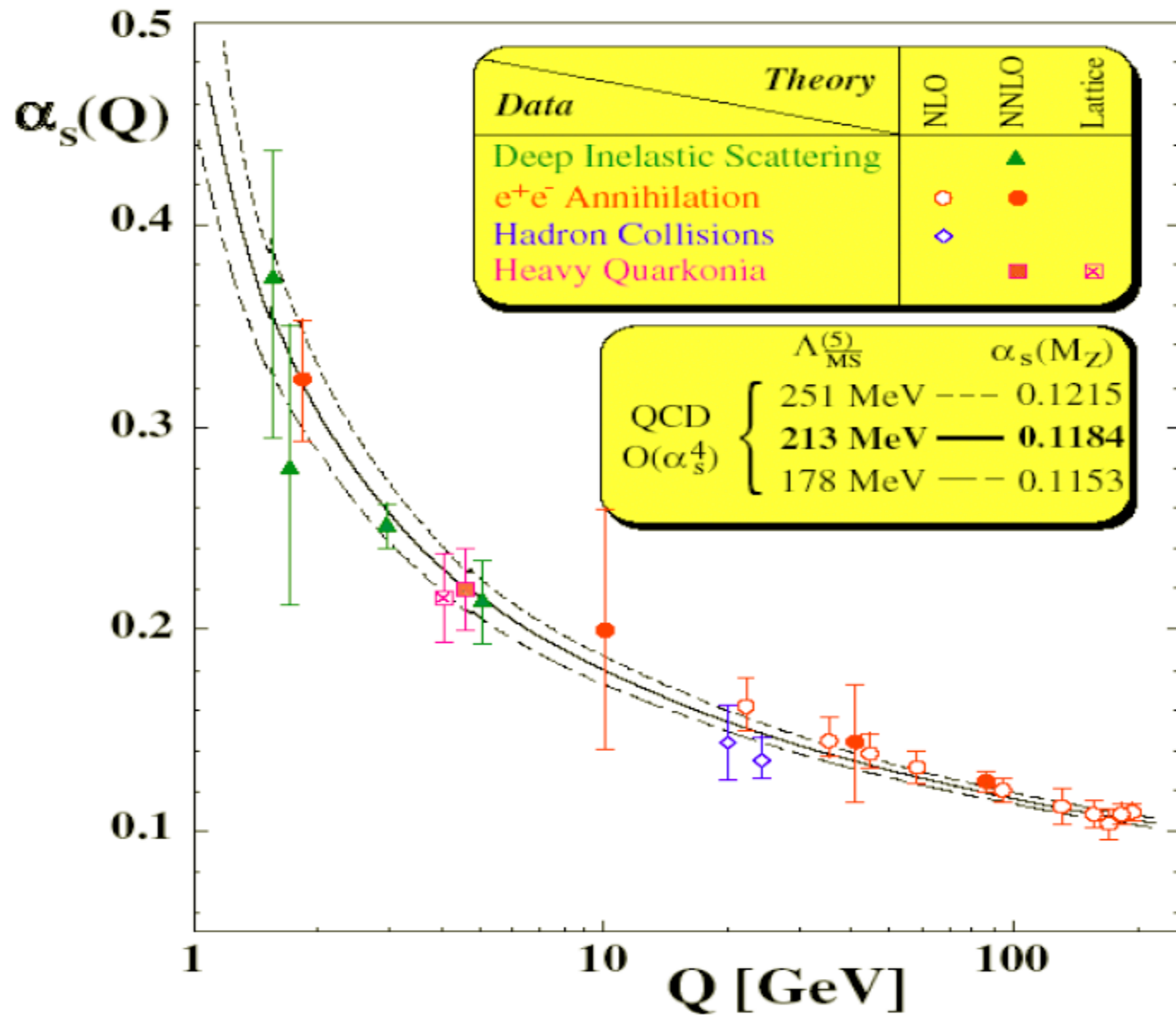
$$\alpha \equiv g^2/4\pi = \alpha(q^2 / \Lambda^2)$$

For a Yang-Mills theory

$$q^2 \rightarrow \infty \\ \sim 1 / \log(q^2 / \Lambda^2)$$

Asymptotic  
freedom

# QCD



# QCD Infrared Features

1. Quark and gluon confinement

$$\Lambda \sim 200 \text{ MeV}$$

2. Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking  
 $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \rightarrow SU(2)$

3 Pions = PNGB's

$$F = 93 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle \sim 4 \pi F^3$$

# TeV-Scale Theories

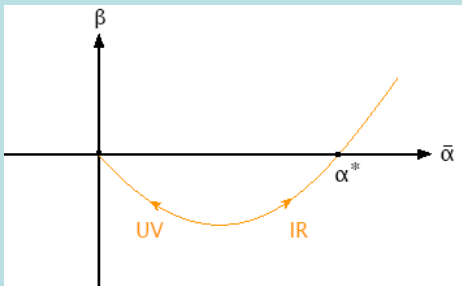
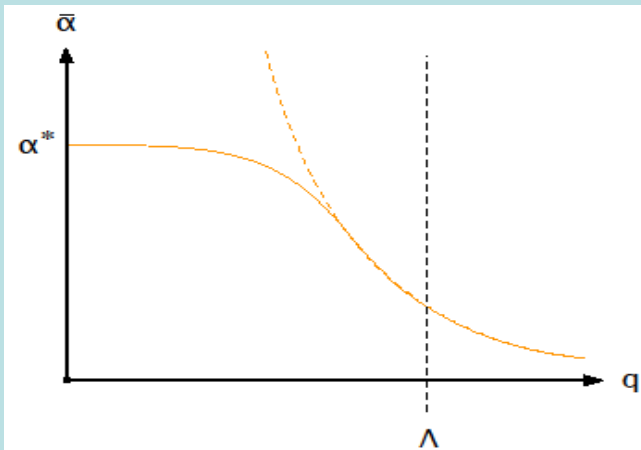
- SU(N) Gauge Theories with  $N_f$  Massless Fermions (fundamental and other representations)
- Asymptotically-free (can take lattice spacing to zero)  
 $N_f < N_{af}$
- Vary  $N_f$  and study how the infrared behavior changes (Chiral symmetry breaking and confinement **versus** *infrared* conformal behavior.)

SUSY SU(N) Theories: Strange and interesting possibilities



# Conformal Window

$$N_{af} > N_f > N_{fc} \quad (\text{Fermion screening})$$



Perturbative for  $N_f \rightarrow N_{af}$

Gross and Wilczek, antiquity

William Caswell, 1974  $\longrightarrow$

Banks and Zaks, 1982

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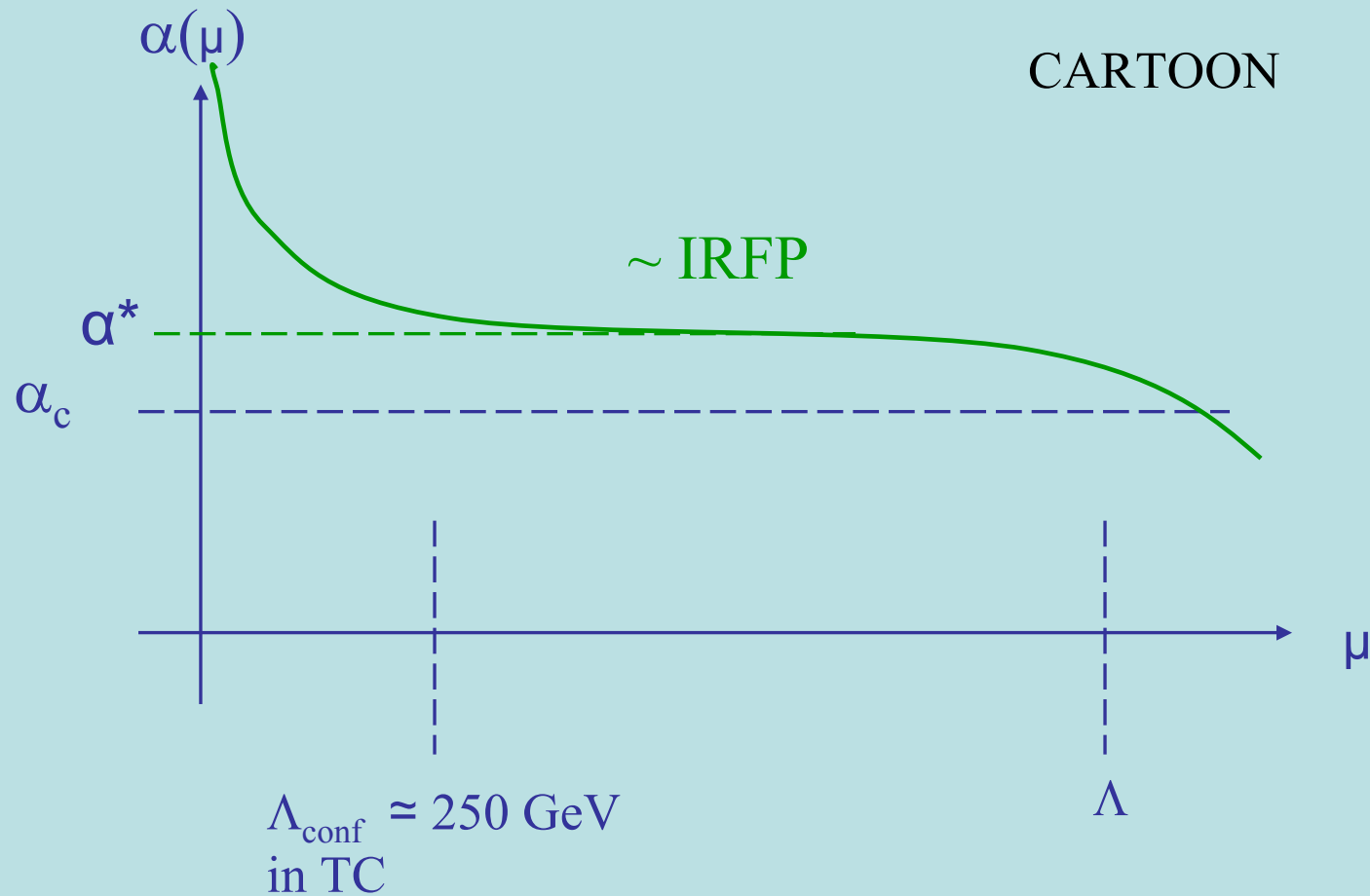


$\alpha^*$  increases as  $N_f$  decreases.

$N_{fc}$ :  $\alpha^*$  becomes large enough to trigger chiral symmetry breaking and confinement.  
(Probably not accessible in perturbation theory)

# NEAR-CONFORMAL BEHAVIOR

For  $N_f$  just below  $N_{fc}$  (Walking)



# Questions

1. Value of  $N_{fc}$ ?
2. Order of the phase transition?
2. Correlation functions and anomalous dimensions inside the conformal window ( $N_f > N_{fc}$ )
3. Below and near the transition ( $N_f < N_{fc}$ )

Approximate IRFP (Walking)? Condensate enhancement?  
Parity Doubling? EW precision studies ? Dilaton ?  
Implications for the LHC?

# Topics

(1)  $N_{fc}$  in SU(N) QCD

→ Walking

(2) Dilaton (1 Slide)

(3) Chiral Symmetry Breaking and Condensate Enhancement

(4) Parity Doubling and EW Precision Studies

# (1) $N_{fc}$ in $SU(N)$ QCD

- Degree-of-Freedom Inequality (Cohen, Schmaltz, TA 1999). Fundamental rep:

← Conjecture

$$N_{fc} < 4 N [1 - 1/18N^2 + \dots]$$

- Gap-Equation Studies, Instantons (1996 ....):

$$N_{fc} \cong 4 N$$

Pioneers:

Maskawa & Nakajima 1974

Kugo & Fukuda 1975

← Suspect  
methods

# Lattice-Simulation Study of the Extent of the Conformal window in an SU(3) Gauge Theory with $N_f$ Fermions in the Fundamental Representation

Conformality violated by  $a, L$  !!

Fleming, Neil, TA  
2007 .....

Earlier, inconclusive lattice work

Iwasaki et al (2004) SU(3):  $N_{fc} \sim 7$

# Focus: Gauge Invariant and Non-Perturbative Definition of the Running Coupling from the Schroedinger Functional of the Gauge Theory

ALPHA Collaboration: Luscher, Sommer, Weisz, Wolff, Bode, Heitger, Simma, ...

Transition amplitude from a prescribed state at  $t=0$  to one at  $t=T= L \pm a$  (Dirichlet BC). ( $m = 0$ )

# Using Staggered Fermions as in

U. Heller, Nucl. Phys. B504, 435 (1997)  
Miyazaki & Kikukawa

Focus on  $N_f =$  multiples of 4:

16: Perturbative IRFP

12: IRFP “expected”, Simulate

8 : IRFP uncertain , Simulate

4 : Confinement, ChSB



## SF Running Coupling

$$\frac{1}{\bar{g}^2(L)} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{g}^2(L, L-a)} + \frac{1}{\bar{g}^2(L, L+a)} \right]$$

One Large  
Scale!

In perturbation theory:

$$N_f = 16 \quad \text{IRFP at} \quad g_{SF}^{*2} = 0.47 \quad (g_{SF}^{*2}/4\pi \approx .04)$$

$$N_f = 12 \quad \text{IRFP at} \quad g_{SF}^{*2} = 5.18 \quad (g_{SF}^{*2}/4\pi \approx 0.4)$$

$$N_f \leq 8 \quad \text{No perturbative IRFP}$$

# Lattice Simulations

MILC Code (Urs Heller)

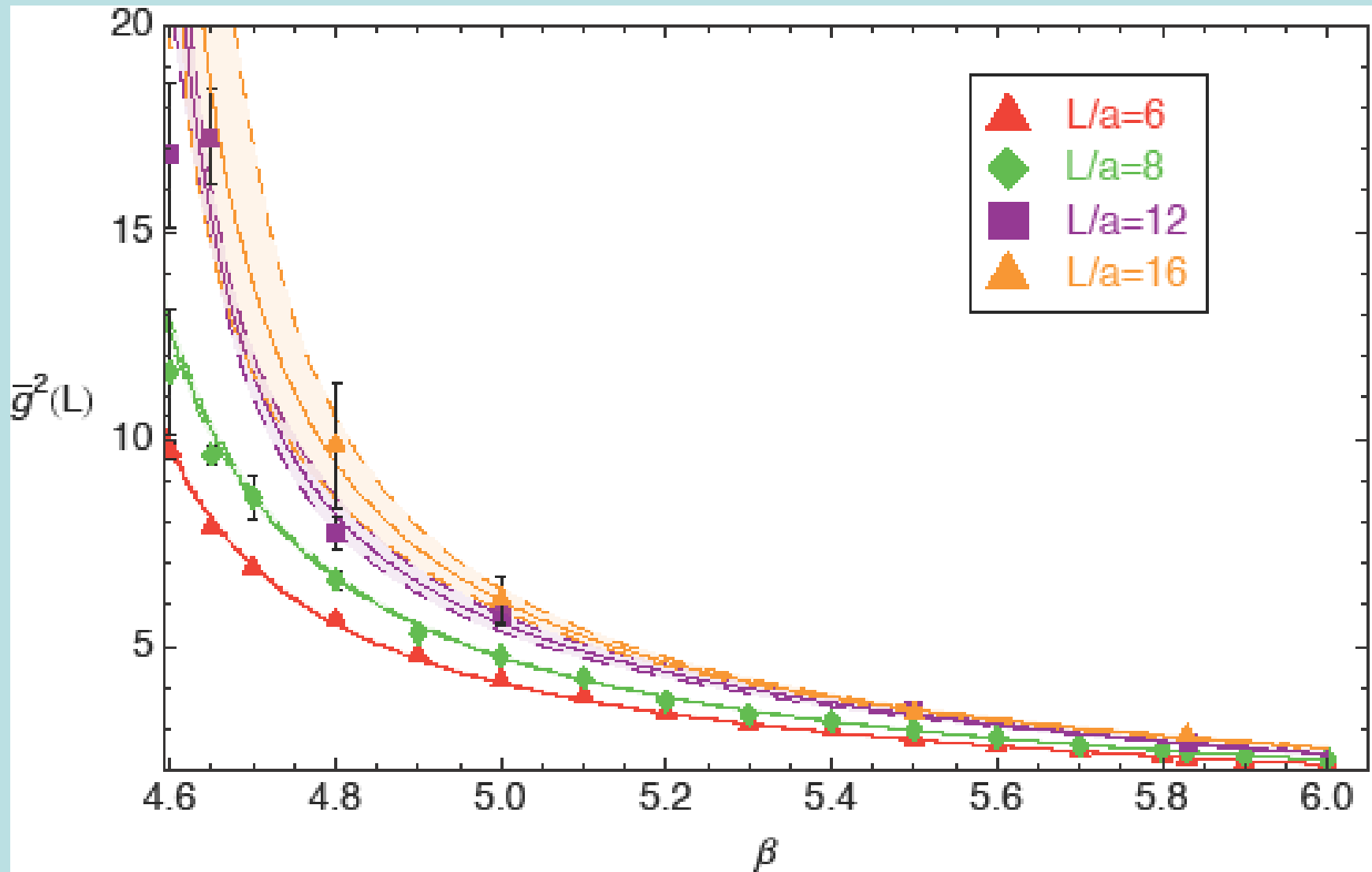
Staggered Fermions

$$N_f = 8, 12$$

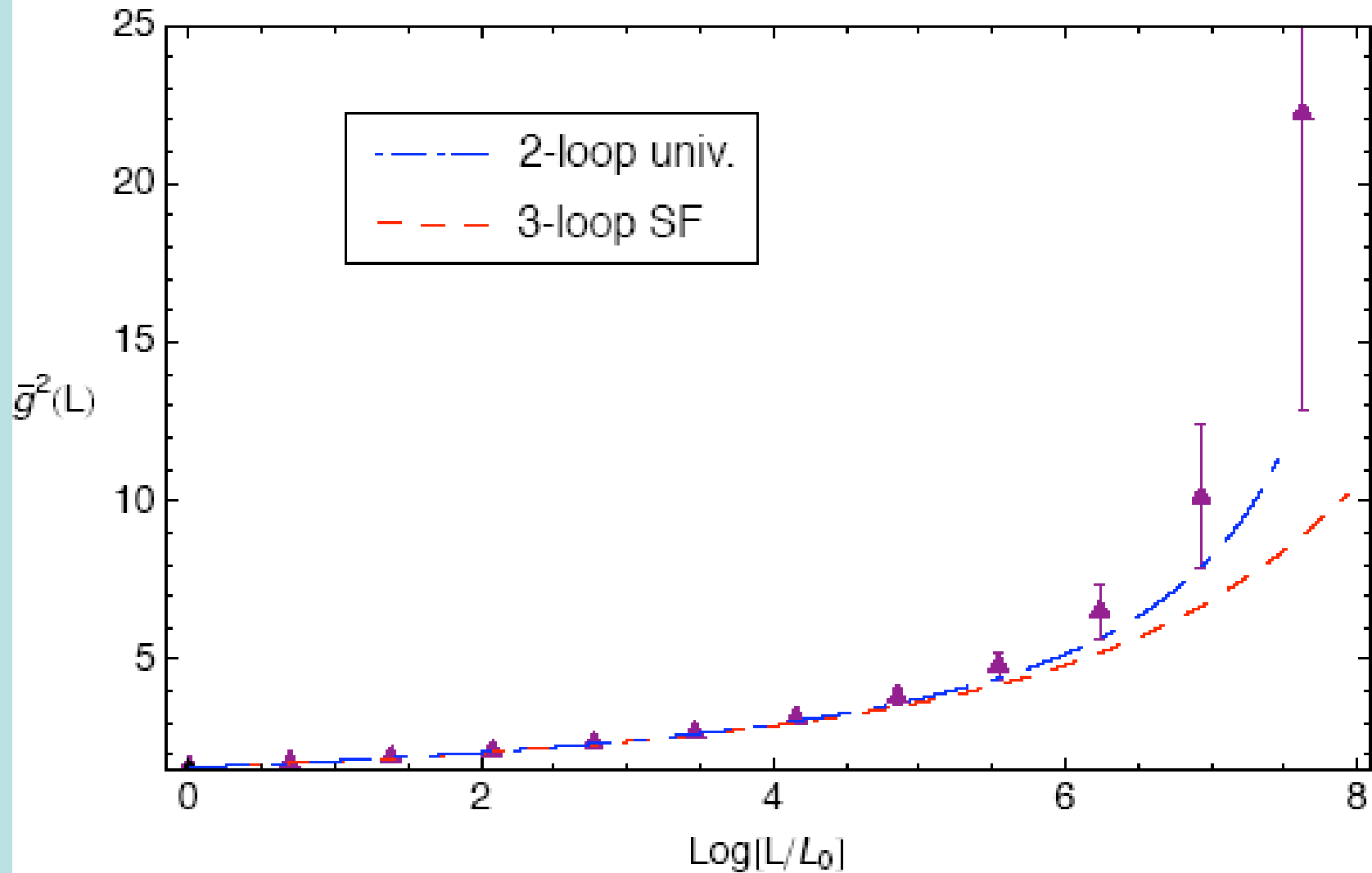
Range of Lattice Couplings  $g_0^2 (= 6/\beta)$  and Lattice  
Sizes  $L/a \rightarrow 20$

$O(a)$  Lattice Artifacts due to Dirichlet Boundary  
Conditions

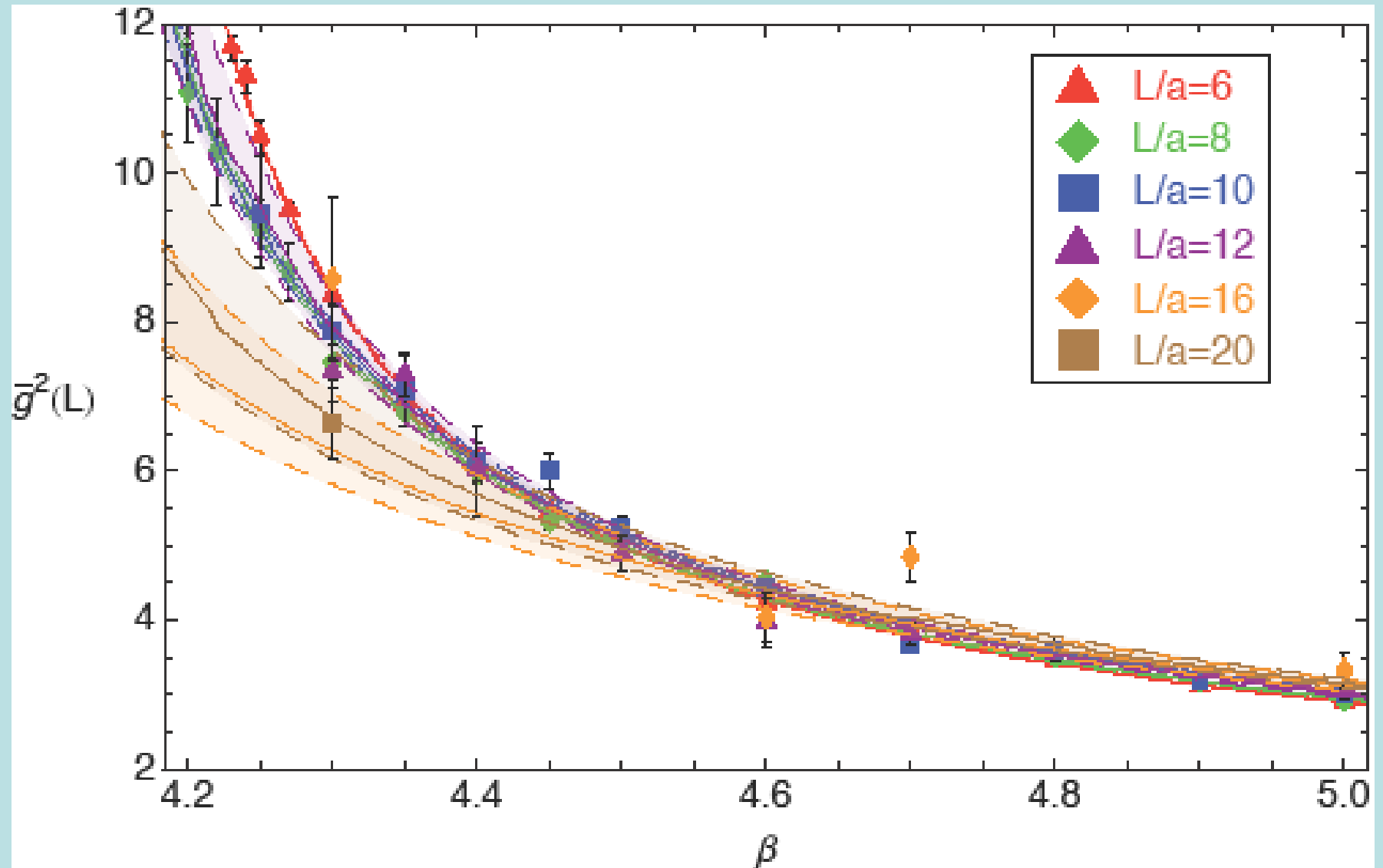
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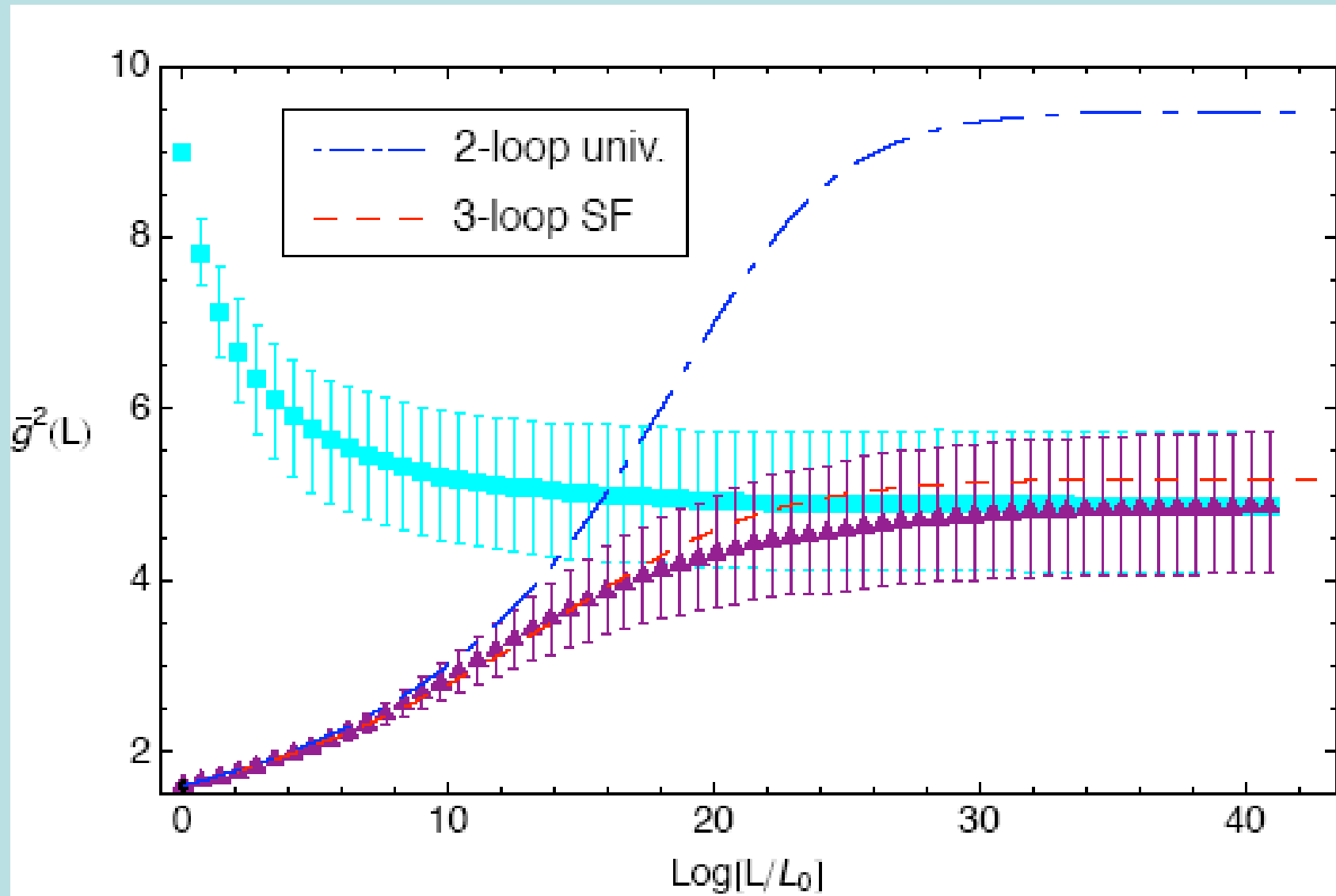
# $N_f = 8$ Continuum Running



# $N_f = 12$ Data with Fits



# $N_f = 12$ Continuum Running



# Conclusions

1. Lattice evidence that for an  $SU(3)$  gauge theory with  $N_f$  Dirac fermions in the fundamental representation  $8 < N_{fc} < 12$
2.  $N_f=12$ : Relatively weak IRFP
3.  $N_f=8$ : Confinement and chiral symmetry breaking.

Employing the Schroedinger-functional running coupling defined at the box boundary  $L$

# Current $N_f = 12$ Activity

## Summary of lattice results at $N_f = 12$ (3-color fundamental)

Group	Fermion action	Gauge action	Method	Conformal?	Refs (arXiv)
Fleming, Neil, TA	staggered	unimproved (plaquette)	SF coupling	Yes	0712.0609 0901.3766
Jin & Mawhinney	staggered	improved (DBW2)	Spectrum	No	0910.3216
Hasenfratz	improved staggered (stout)	unimproved (plaquette)	MCRG	Yes	0911.0646 priv. comm.
Kuti, Holland, Fodor, et al.	improved staggered (stout)	improved (Symanzik)	Spectrum	No	0911.2463
Deuzeman, Lombardo, Pallante	improved staggered (Naik)	improved (Symanzik)	Thermal trans.	Yes	0904.4662



# Lots of Related Activity

1. Other  $N_f$  values such as  $N_f=10$ .

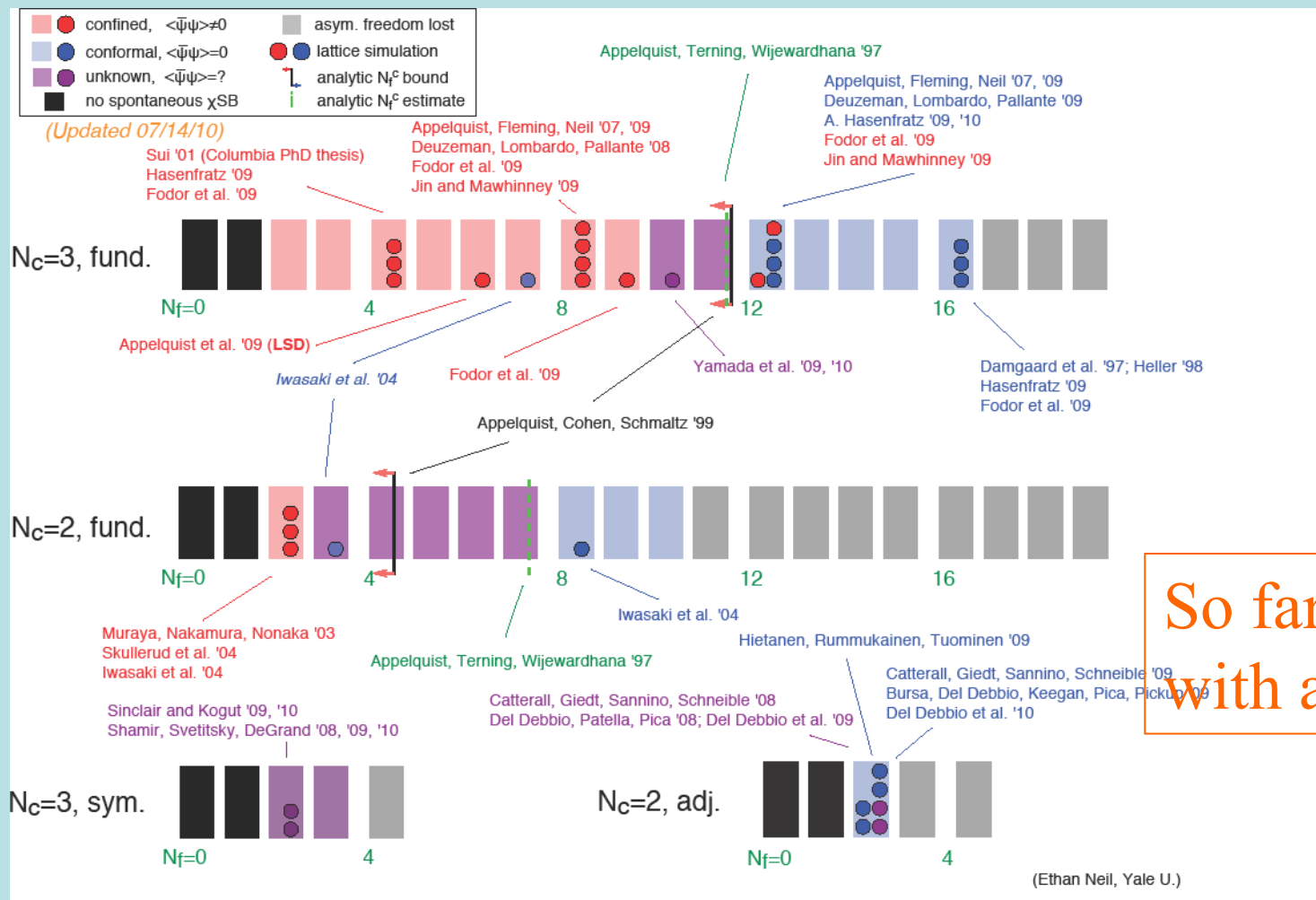
Yamada et al

2. Other gauge groups and representation assignments for the fermions

Sannino, del Debbio, DeGrand, Shamir, Svetitsky; Hietanen et al, Sinclair, Kogut, Catterall. ....

3. Examine physical quantities such as the static potential (Wilson loop) and correlation functions.

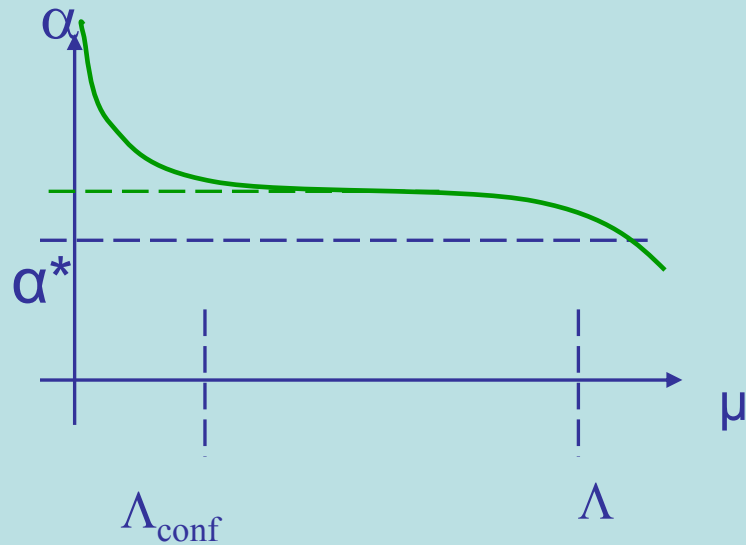
Bilgici et al [arXiv:0902.3768](https://arxiv.org/abs/0902.3768)



So far, consistent with a single  $N_{fc}(N)$

Lattice is now a tool for studying strongly coupled gauge theories.

## (2) Dilaton



An (approximate)  
NGB (a PNGB)  
associated with the  
spontaneous breaking  
of (approximate)  
scale symmetry



Yang Bai and TA

[arXiv:1006.4375](https://arxiv.org/abs/1006.4375) :

$$M_d^2 \sim (N_{fc} - N_f) \Lambda_{conf}^2$$

Dilaton Phenomenology:

Goldberger, Grinstein, Skiba

PRL 2008

# (3) Chiral Symmetry Breaking and Condensate Enhancement (LSD)

arXiv:0910.2224

PRL 104, 071601 (2010)

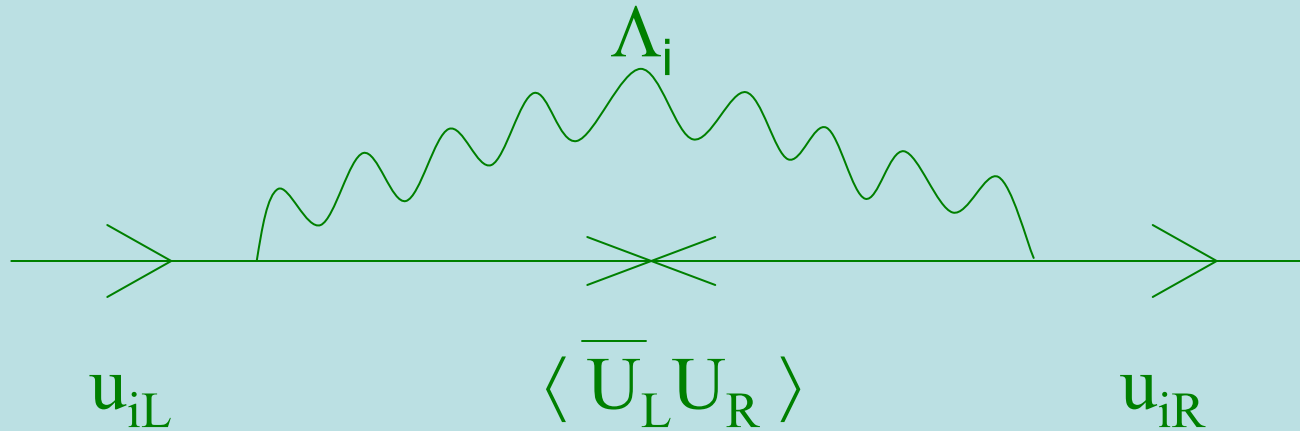
Walking:

As the conformal window is approached ( $N_f \rightarrow N_{fc}$ ),  
 $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$  is enhanced relative to its nominal value  $4\pi F^3$ .

LSD Program:

Search for enhancement of  $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle / F^3$  by starting at  $N_f = 2$ ,  
and then  $N_f = 6$ . (Creeping Toward the Conformal Window)  
( $\Lambda = a^{-1}$ )

# WHY?



$$M_{ii}^{(u)} \cong 4\pi \frac{F^3}{\Lambda_i^2}$$

$$\exp \left\{ \int \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \gamma[\alpha_{TC}(\mu)] \right\}$$

$$d=3-\gamma$$

$$\gamma \rightarrow 1 ?$$

$$\gamma \rightarrow 2 ?$$

M. Luty

# Some Details

- Domain-wall fermions, Iwasaki improved action
- USQCD: Chroma, CPS
- $32^3 \times 64$  lattice ( $L_s = 16$ )
- $m_f = .005, .01, .015, .02, .025$  ,  $m = m_f + m_{res}$
- $N_f^2 - 1$  PNGB's
- Simulate:  $M_p$  ,  $F$  ,  $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$  ,  $M_v$        $M_p L > 4$

# Extrapolate to $m=0$ with Chiral Perturbation Theory

- $M_{Pm}^2 = 2m \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle / F^2 \{ 1 + zm [\alpha_{M1} + (1/N_f) \log(zm)] + \dots \}$

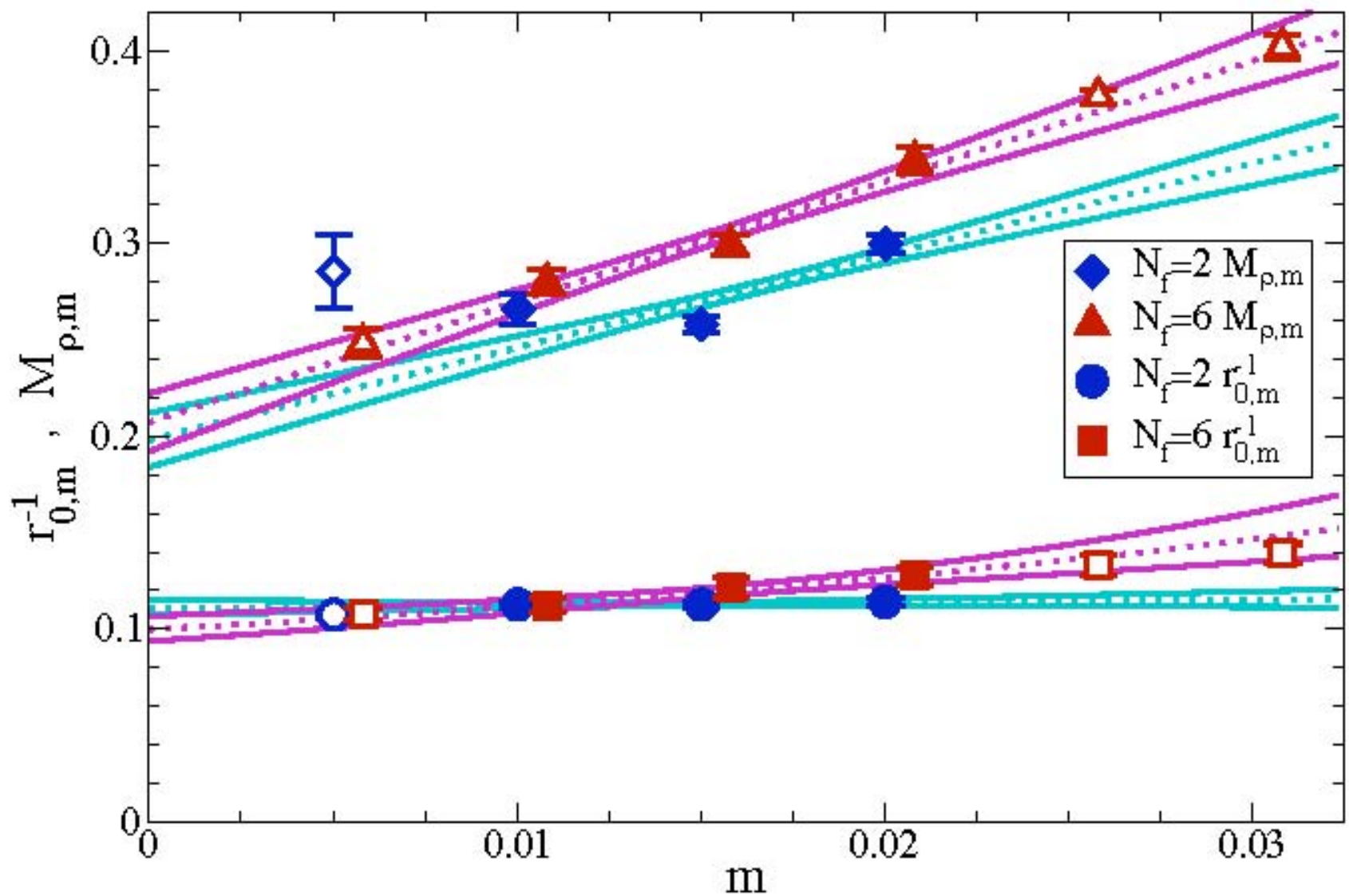
$$z \equiv 2 \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle / (4\pi)^2 F^4$$

- $F_m = F \{ 1 + zm [\alpha_{F1} - (N_f/2) \log(zm)] + \dots \}$

- $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_m = \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle \{ 1 + zm [\alpha_{C1} - ((N_f^2 - 1)/N_f) \log(zm)] + \dots \}$

$$M_{Vm} = M_V \{ 1 + \alpha_{R1} zm + \alpha_{R3/2} (zm)^{3/2} + \dots \}$$

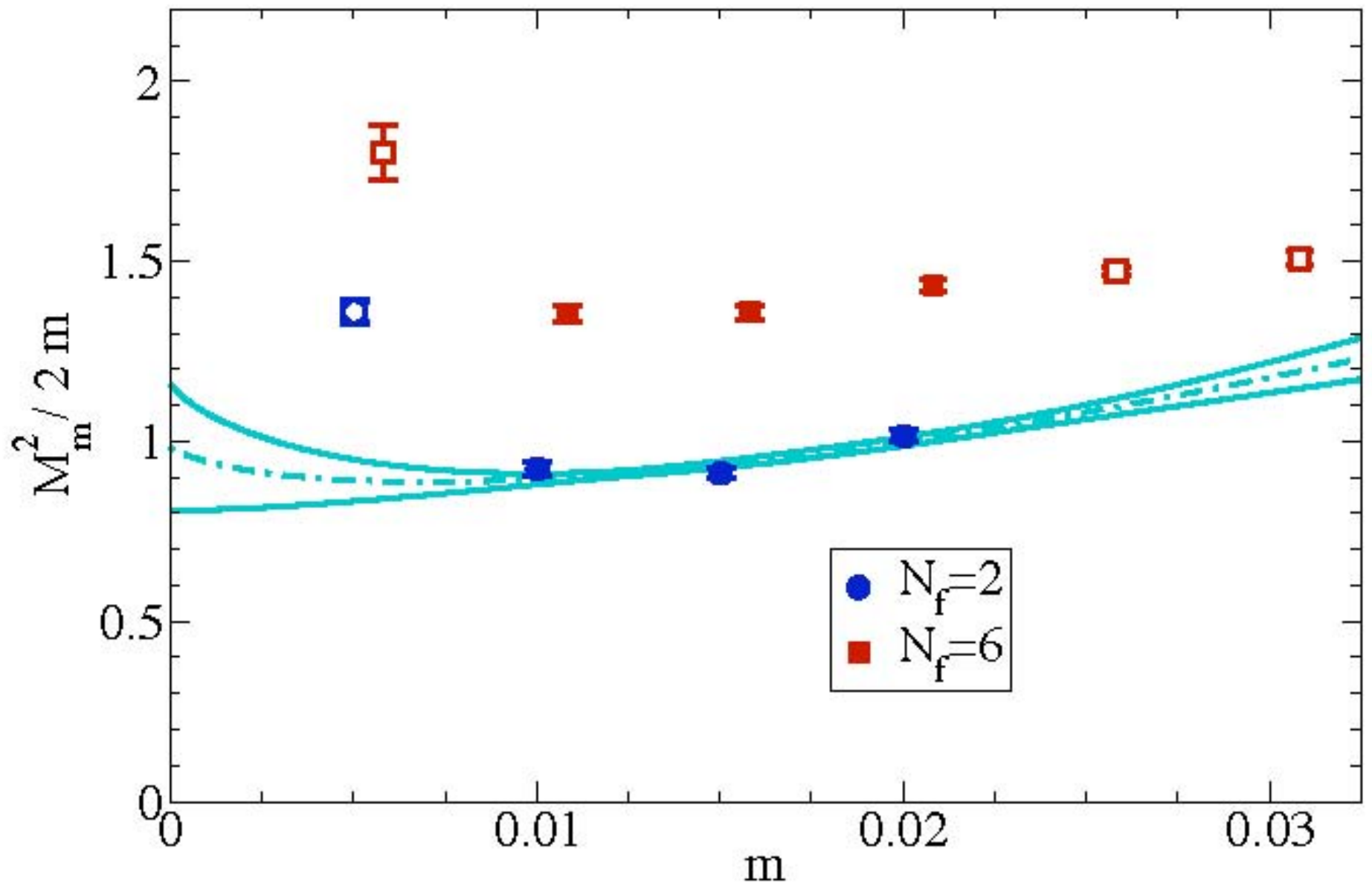
$$M_{Am} = M_A \{ 1 + \alpha_{A1} zm + \alpha_{A3/2} (zm)^{3/2} + \dots \}$$

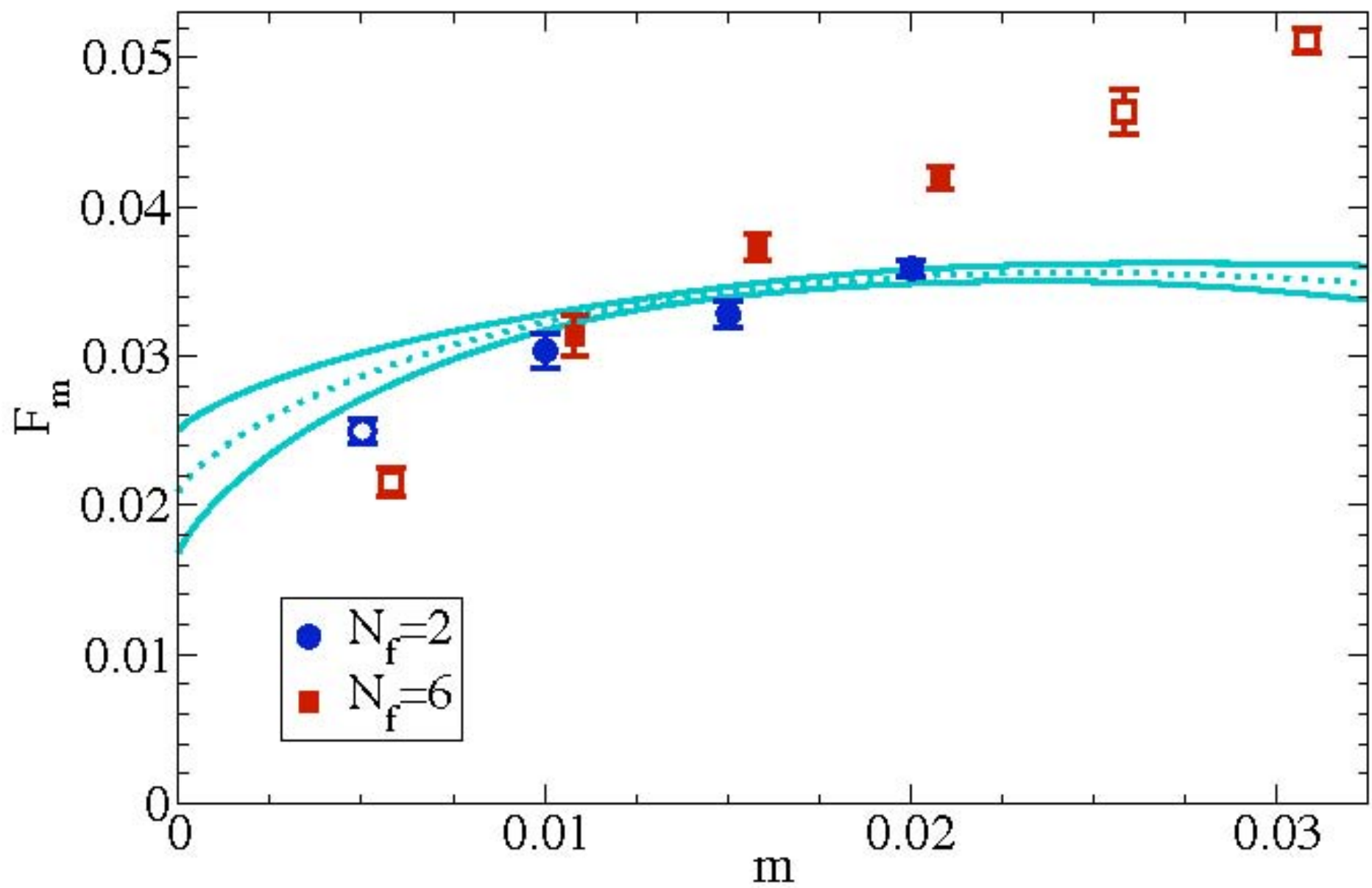


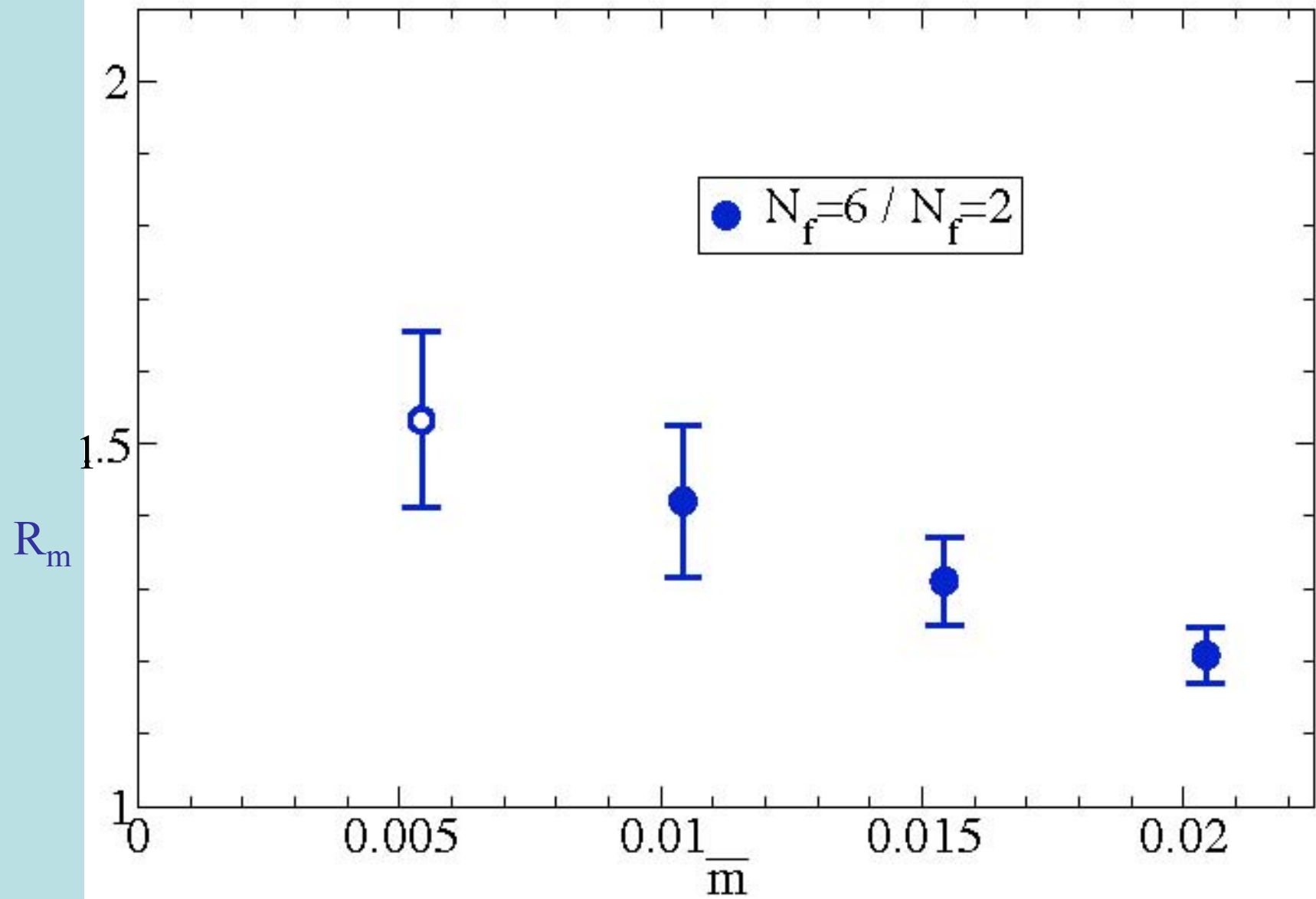
$N_f = 2: \beta = 2.7$

$N_f = 6: \beta = 2.1$









$$R_m = [M_{\text{Pm}}^2 / 2mF_m]_{6f} / [M_{\text{Pm}}^2 / 2mF_m]_{2f}$$

$$N_f = 2$$

- Chiral perturbation theory extrapolation:

$$\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle / F^3 = 47.1 (17.6)$$

QCD Experimental Value: (renormalized to our lattice  
scheme - Aoki et al hep-lat/0206013)

$$\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle / F^3 = 36.2 (6.5)$$

$$N_f = 6$$

Linear Extrapolation  $\rightarrow$

Very Conservative Lower Bound on  $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle / F^2$

Very Conservative Upper Bound on  $F$

Thus

$$\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle / F^3 \geq 60.0 \text{ (8.0)}$$

# (4) Resonance Spectrum and the S parameter (LSD)

arXiv: this week

Is S naturally small as  $N_f \rightarrow N_{fc}$  due to approximate parity doubling?

$$S = 4\pi (N_f/2) [\Pi'_{VV}(0) - \Pi'_{AA}(0)] - \Delta S_{SM}$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \left\{ (N_f / 2) [\text{Im} \Pi_{VV}(s) - \text{Im} \Pi_{AA}(s)] - \frac{1}{12\pi} \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{m_{H,ref}^2}{s} \right)^3 \theta(s - m_{H,ref}^2) \right] \right\}$$

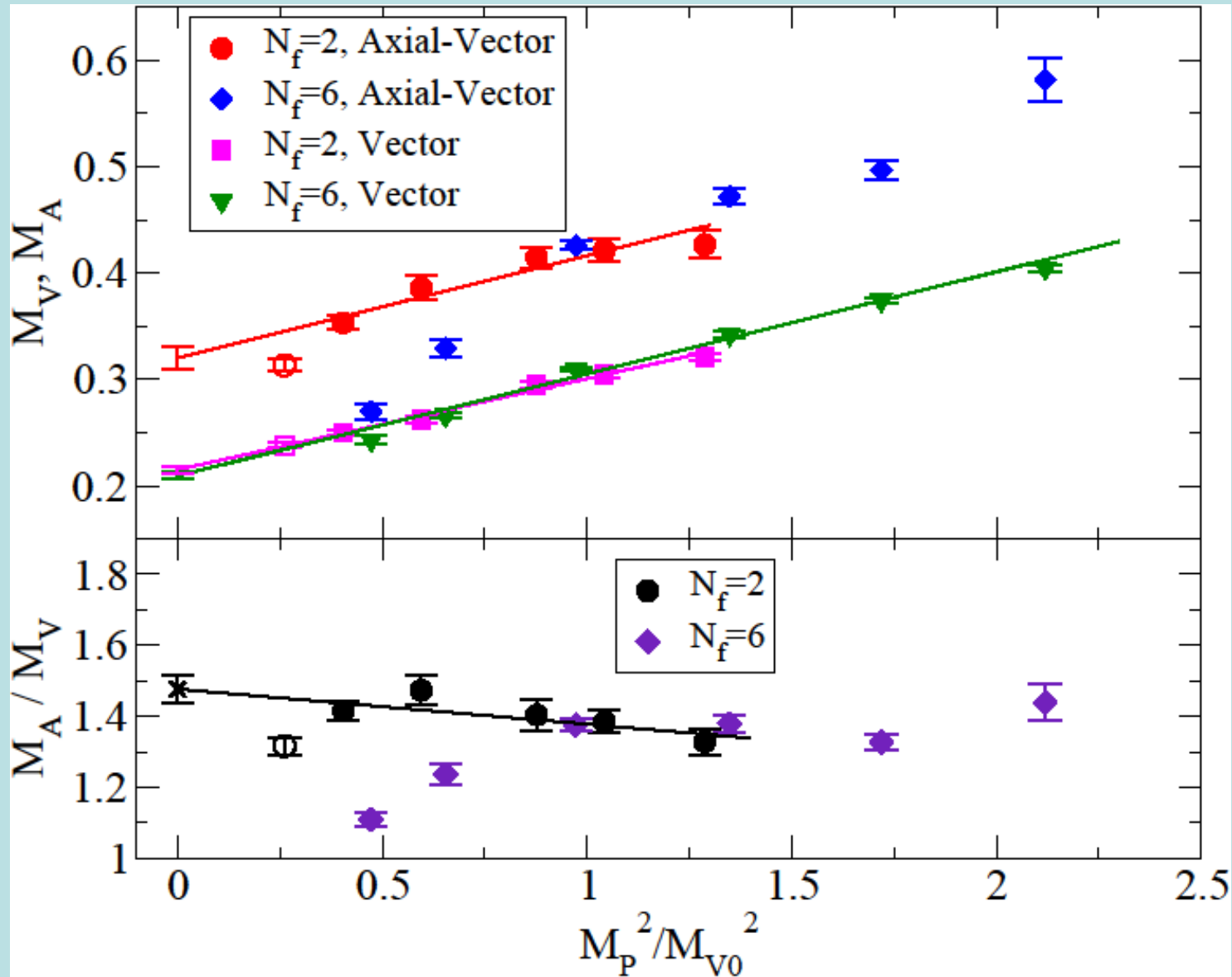
Peskin and Takeuchi

## ~Same Details

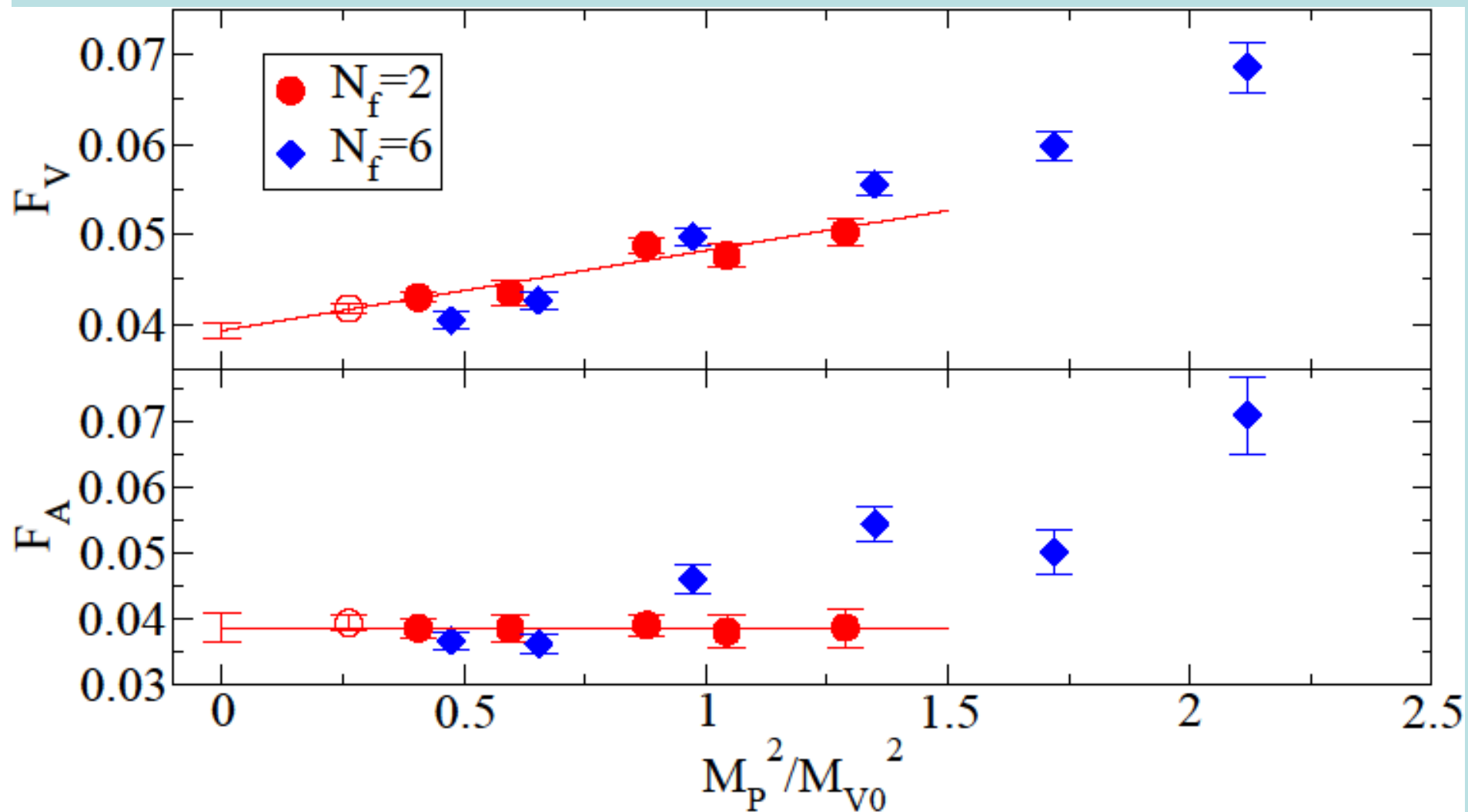
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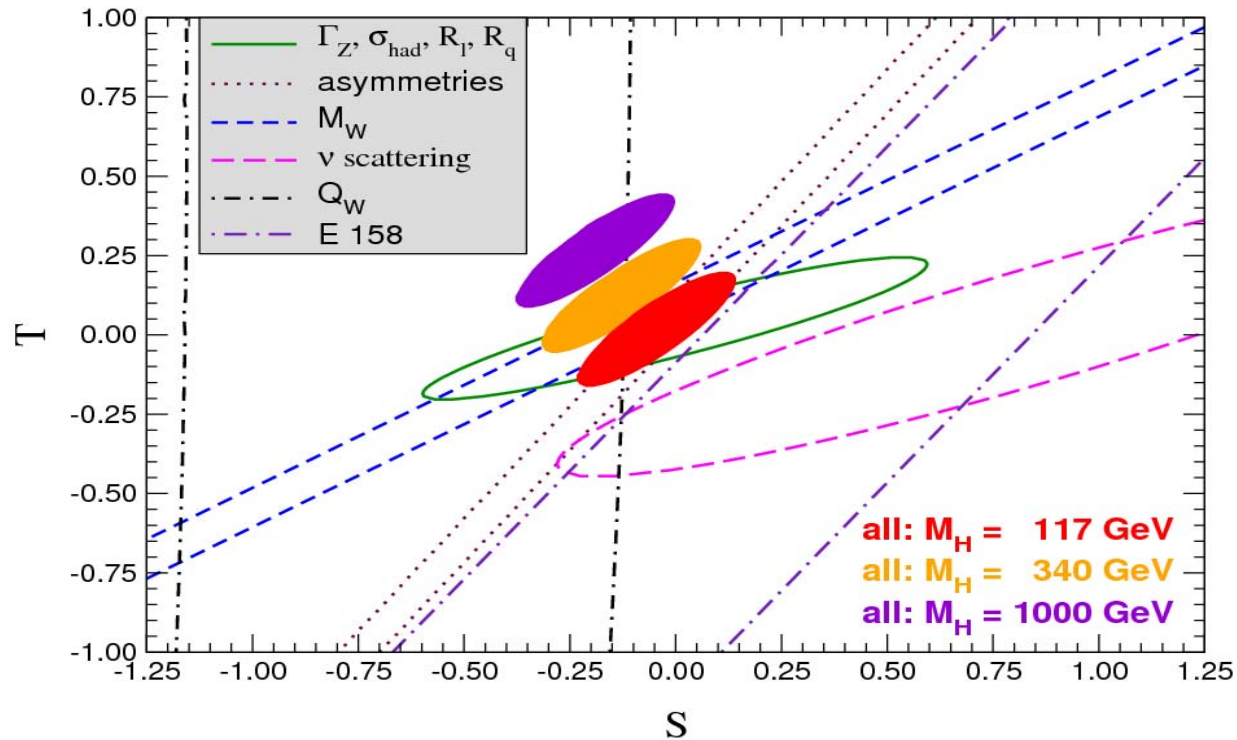
# Vector and Axial-Vector Masses







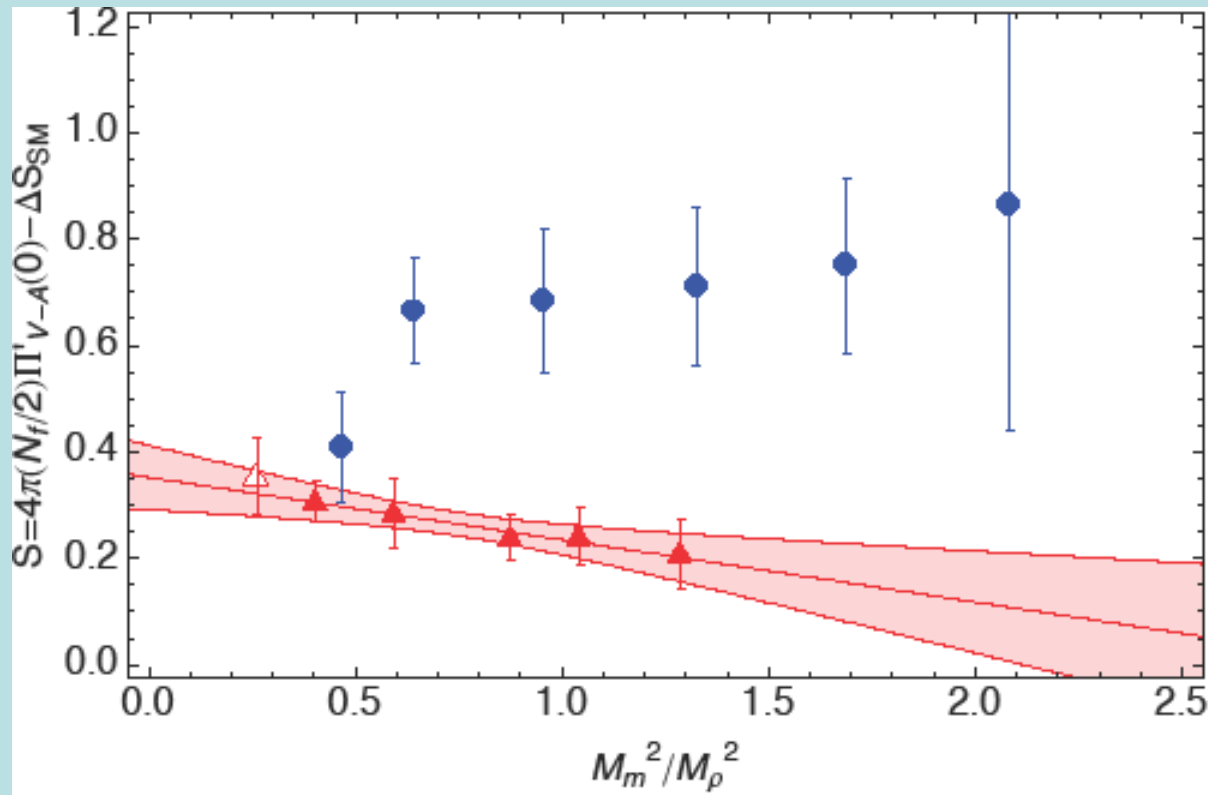
# S and T



$$S_{\text{free}} = (1/2\pi)(N/3)(N_f/2)$$

$$S_{\text{QCD}} = 0.3 (N/3)(N_f/2)$$

# S Parameter



3 EW doublets

Extrapolation:

$N_f = 2$ :  $S$  is smooth

$N_f = 6$ :  $S \sim 1/12\pi [N_f^2/4 - 1] \log(1/m)$

Cut off by PNCB masses

DelDebbio et al  
arXiv:0909.4931  
Shintani et al  
arXiv:0806.4222

# Features

When  $N_f$  is increased from 2 to 6:

1. The lightest vector and axial states become more parity doubled.
2. The S parameter per electroweak doublet decreases  
(In the chiral limit  $m \rightarrow 0$ , the full answer will depend logarithmically on PNGB masses.)
3. Single pole dominance (  $S = 4\pi [ F_V^2 / M_V^2 - F_A^2 / M_A^2 ]$  ) works to within 20% at  $N_f = 2$  and at least as well at  $N_f = 6$ , showing the relative decrease of S per electroweak doublet.
4. Not true of the WSR's (  $F_V^2 - F_A^2 = F_P^2, \dots$  )

# Summary

- Lattice simulations are beginning to teach us about novel features of strongly coupled gauge theories other than QCD.
- So far, lots of focus on the transition toward *infrared* conformal behavior. Relevant to real world?
  - Condensate enhancement, tendency to parity doubling, decreased S parameter, .....

## Next

1. Push on toward  $N_{fc}$
2. Jump into the conformal window ( $N_f > N_{fc}$ ) ( mass-deformed CFT)
3. → SUSY Theories
  - Check methods
  - Other applications